

Appl. No. : 11/736,067
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REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects a species drawn to:

- (i) a sponge protein hydrolysate having a molecular weight of less than 5,000;
- (ii) having a human cell growth stimulating activity on human fibroblasts;
- (iii) a product by acidic hydrolysis of sponge skeleton fibers;
- (iv) without using a protein hydrolase;
- (v) the spongin fibers obtained from sponges of *Spongia* which belongs to Porifera;
- (vi) topical application on skins;
- (vii) in form of cosmetics;
- (viii) for reducing wrinkles on skins.

The species is shown in Examples 9-11, for example. This election is made without traverse. Claims 1-5, 11-12, 16, and 20 are readable on the elected species. Claims 6-10 and 17-19 have been canceled as being directed to a non-elected species.

Claim 1 has been amended to reflect the election, and accordingly, claims 4 and 16 have been amended, and claim 15 has been canceled.

Claim 21 has been added. Support can be found in paragraph 34 on page 7, for example. Claim 21 is dependent upon claim 1 and readable on the elected species as it specifies (v) above.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the above election or would like to discuss this response further, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned so that any such questions may be promptly resolved.

No fees are believed due for the present Amendment, however, should any fees be due, please charge them to our deposit account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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